



4160 Woodcock Drive, 2nd Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32207

main phone 904-391-6600
main fax 904-391-6601
toll-free 877-391-6602
suncom 904-870-2640
www.myeldersource.com

For Immediate Release

**Contact: Helen Ridley, Director of
Advocacy and Community Relations
Phone: (904) 391-6615**

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging Honors Innovative and Successful Programs Serving Older Adults

Jacksonville, FL – ElderSource, the Northeast Florida Area Agency on Aging, has been honored with three *Aging Achievement Awards* by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a). This award is sponsored by Critical Signal Technologies (CST).

The 2009 *n4a Aging Achievement Awards* recognize aging programs from across the country that provide successful, cost-effective approaches that help older adults live independently in their homes and communities and provide needed support to caregivers of older adults.

The Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and Title VI Native American aging programs are the trusted local resource in addressing the aging needs in their communities. N4a annually honors and promotes best practices that serve older adults and persons with disabilities now and in the future,” said n4a CEO Sandy Markwood,”.

ElderSource won three national awards in the categories of *Caregiving, Technology, and You Name it!* ElderSource was rewarded the Caregiver’s Award for the caregiver’s podcast that can be accessed at www.myeldersource.org. The podcast provides valuable information to persons giving care to the elderly on how to access and receive services. The information can also be downloaded to mp3 players for easy reference.

In the area of technology, ElderSource was recognized for GIS mapping of low income and minority populations. This information was then used to conduct targeted community outreach and programs in these under served neighborhoods.

The final award category was for the Senior to Senior Fund. The Senior to Senior program helps persons ages 60 and above resolve emergency situations. The program is possible through a grant given to ElderSource by The Community Foundation and is endowed by the generous donation of Delores Weaver, wife of the Jacksonville Jaguar’s owner.



4160 Woodcock Drive, 2nd Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32207

main phone 904-391-6600
main fax 904-391-6601
toll-free 877-391-6602
suncom 904-870-2640
www.myeldersource.com

The honored programs will serve as models for other agencies seeking new and effective approaches in addressing the needs of older adults and their families within their communities. The need for successful, cost-effective aging programs is especially important in light of the wave of aging baby boomers expected to require such services.

“ElderSource works hard to advocate and serve the needs of persons 60 and above in Northeast Florida. We are honored to have received three national awards that recognize our Agency’s commitment to excellence,” stated ElderSource Executive Director, Linda Levin.

The 2009 *n4a Aging Achievement Awards* honored organizations in a wide array of categories, including caregiving, community planning, ethnic/cultural diversity, elder abuse, healthy aging, home and community-based care, information and referral, intergenerational programs, Medicaid Waiver, nutrition, technology, transportation and volunteerism.

ElderSource is the Area Agency on Aging for Northeast Florida. The Agency provides services to the counties of Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, St. John’s and Volusia. ElderSource is the one stop shop for Senior Services. As an Aging Resource Center for this region, ElderSource is the focal point to which elders, their caregivers and the general public can turn for information, referral, assistance and answers related to aging issues.

The **National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)** is the leading voice on aging issues for Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) across the country and a champion for Title VI Native American aging programs. N4a’s primary mission is to build the capacity of its members to help older persons and persons with disabilities live with dignity and choices in their homes and communities for as long as possible. (www.n4a.org)

###